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Dr. Edward Teller
Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
P.O. Box 808
Livermore, California 94550

Dear Dr. Teller:

I appreciate your letter of 16 January

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It certainly is important that Americans appreciate the sizeable effort of the Soviet Union to develop advanced weapon systems, including lasers. In my opinion, we have been quite forthcoming in publications such as the annually published unclassified Department of Defense document "Soviet Military Power", and in the document "Soviet Strategic Defense Programs" published by the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense. The problem is not that we are providing insufficient information, but rather that the information is not being read and is given insufficient attention by the media. Providing more detailed information, "proof" if you will, is hardly likely to solve that problem.

I always appreciate your interest in national security matters, and my staff and I look forward to continuing discussions with you.

Sincerely,

WJ Casey

William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence



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To 16: In light of previous correspondence and meetings with Dr. Teller, please have this reviewed and, if a response is deemed appropriate, have one prepared for DCI signature.

Executive Secretary

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Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

January 16, 1986

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Mr. William J. Casey, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
P.O. Box 1925
Washington, D.C. 20013

Dear Mr. Casey:

The purpose of this letter is to put on record a topic which I had the privilege of discussing with you and your staff.

Public support for national defense is directly related to what is known about the behavior of our adversaries. The sustained Soviet military build-up eventually produced a consensus calling for revitalization of our military forces. In this regard, I wish to compliment the Reagan Administration on the substantial amount of previously classified information made available to our citizens.

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I know that "sources and methods" issues arise when pressure for disclosure is brought to bear. If some degree of blanket relief is not reasonable, could not a case-by-case disclosure policy be implemented, one that would apply when we are confronted with a Soviet weapon system for which they have demonstrated an advantageous position? The potential boost in terms of public (and hence Congressional) support for our research efforts seems to outweigh the need to retain such information as classified.

You have undoubtedly addressed this issue a number of times already. I am concerned that we are being overly protective.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Edward Teller".

Edward Teller

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Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

November 8, 1985

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The Honorable Caspar W. Weinberger
 Secretary of Defense
 The Pentagon
 Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Secretary Weinberger:

Let me thank you for your strong, consistent and remarkable effort in leading SDL. Without you, this cornerstone of our defense would not exist. I consider you as the one man who can bring about needed changes.

In the last weeks, as expected, pressure on the President has continued to increase. More and more people are urging him to accept limitations on the American military posture, particularly including a moratorium on nuclear explosions. An advertisement that appeared recently in the New York Times and Los Angeles Times, and signed by more than 150 people including many prominent ones, is one example. STAT

A recent event in this campaign is a pervasively untruthful publication by R. Jeffrey Smith in the current issue of Science attacking the x-ray laser. For anyone to contradict him in an effective way would necessarily involve secrecy violations.

I appreciate the added information that your office published recently on Soviet defense efforts. I continue to believe that much more should be made available, particularly including photographic evidence. If you feel that I would be useful in working out details of disclosures, I should be delighted to serve. STAT

Your past attention to this problem encourages me to put my continuing deep concerns before you. I believe that the present situation calls for prompt and decisive action.

Sincerely,

Edward Teller
 Edward Teller

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cc: The Honorable William Casey
 The Honorable George A. Keyworth

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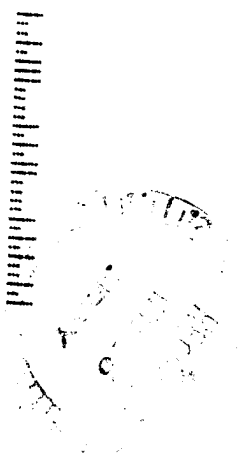
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The Honorable William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence
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15 October 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meetings with Dr. Edward Teller

1. At the suggestion of the DCI, Julian Nall and [] met with Dr. Edward Teller on 8 September. At Dr. Teller's request a second meeting was held on 3 October 1985 with Julian Nall, [] attending. The main topic discussed at both meetings was SDI and related Soviet programs and responses.

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2. Meeting on 8 September: The meeting was mainly in the form of a monologue by Dr. Teller on Soviet ballistic missile defense capabilities and the actions he thought were appropriate as a US response. A summary of his views follows:

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- The status of Soviet programs is characterized as two decades of defensive development resulting in the ability to accomplish ABM breakout in six months. The many years of Soviet attention have resulted in important scientific progress, as well.


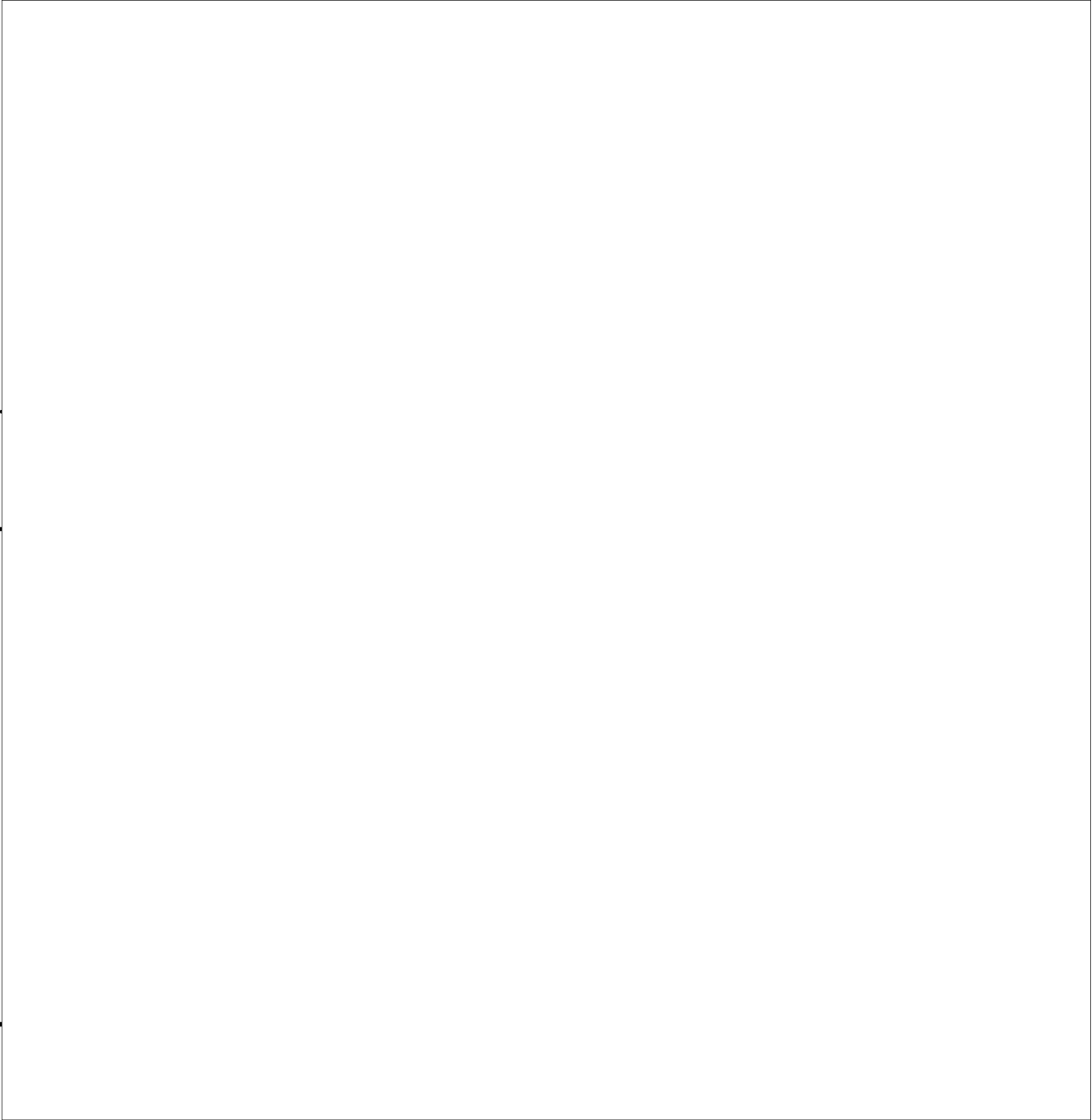
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- The Soviets' loud reaction to the US SDI can be understood best by realizing that they know that it is fruitful and they are concerned about the loss of their monopoly in missile defense.
 - Dr. Teller believes that there are great advantages to public release of intelligence on the Soviet programs and is critical of the DCI for not releasing imagery data. His views can be summarized as follows:
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3. Meeting on 3 October 1985: Dr. Teller requested a meeting to provide some background information for his presentation to a session of the European Parliament.

- His subject at the Parliament is "Emerging Technologies," but he intends to weave SDI (technology, not politics) into the presentation because he is concerned about lack of European initiatives and the existence of barriers to the development of technology.
- Dr. Teller queried us on the following:
 - What could be said about Soviet SDI at the unclassified level?
 - What was happening in France that day (the Gorbachev-Mitterand wrap-up)? What were the European reactions?
- Dr. Teller requested that we send a copy of the DOD/State unclassified paper -- Soviet Strategic Defensive Programs as background to his appearance before the European Parliament. We were, however, unable to arrange to get it there before his scheduled return to the United States.
- Dr. Teller also requested that we send the following to Livermore for him on his return:



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- An unclassified statement confirming or denying his belief that Afghan emigration has swelled the population of the Afghanistan-Pakistan border in the vicinity of Peshawar to as much as four times normal.



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